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SUBJECT: TURKISH ACTIONS AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AMBASSADOR SEMIH GUNVER'S ACCOUNT TO ME OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE JIDDA CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE TURKISH ROLE WITH RESPECT TO THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSED THREE RESO-

LUTIONS DEALING WITH: A) JERUSALEM; B) THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION; AND C) THE MIDDLE EAST. GUNVER CHARACTERIZED ALL THESE RESOLUTIONS AS "EXTREME". THESE RESOLUTIONS TAKEN IN TOTO CALLED FOR AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO ARAINST ISRAEL, THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN, AND FOR ALL MEMBER STATES (THIS WAS AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT TURKEY) TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

3. KNOWING THAT THE WORK OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE EXTREMIST, THE TURKS ABSENTED THEMSELVES FROM IT ENTIRELY. THEY WERE

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NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENT AND PLAYED NO ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THESE RESOLUTIONS.

4. WHEN THE RESOLUTIONS CAME TO THE FLOOR, FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL HAD ALREADY LEFT THE CONFERENCE AND AMBASSADOR GUNVER WAS IN CHARGE. AT THAT POINT THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE WAS PRESENTED WITH SOME SIXTEEN RESOLUTIONS, THE FIRST THREE OF WHICH WERE THE ONES NOTED ABOVE. KNOWING OF TURKEY'S CONCERNS OVER THE EXTREMIST NATURE OF THESE RESOLUTIONS, GUNVER KEPT THE TURKISH DELEGATION OFF THE CONFERENCE FLOOR UNTIL DISCUSSION OF THEM HAD BEEN COMPLETED. IN FACT THEY DID NOT LEAVE THE CORRIDORS AND COME INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM UNTIL DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST THIRTEEN OF THE SIXTEEN RESOLUTIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

5. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING THE CAREFULLY CALCULATED ABSENCES REPORTED ABOVE, GUNVER AGAIN CALLED MY ATTENTION TO THE DISCLAIMER SENT OVER HIS SIGNATURE AND REPORTED IN ANKARA'S 5529.

6. I EMPHASIZED GREAT POTENTIAL DAMAGE OF ISRAELI EXPULSION RESOLUTION TO CURRENT TURKISH INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON. GUNVER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT PROBLEM WAS THAT TURKEY IS IN A "MOST DELICATE POSITION." GOT WISHED TO HELP WASHINGTON SITUATION BUT COULD NOT AFFORD LOUDLY TO DENOUNCE DECISIONS OF ISLAMIC PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY IN CONFERENCE'S IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH. FOR THAT REASON, WHILE DISASSOCIATING THEMSELVES FROM EXTREMIST ISLAMIC POSITIONS, THE TURKS WERE SEEKING TO KEEP A LOWERED VOICE IN THIS MATTER IN EFFORT NOT REPEAT NOT TO ALIENATE ISLAMIC STATES WHOSE SUPPORT AT LIMA AND ELSEWHERE ON CYPRUS AND OTHER ISSUES IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL.
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